

EDITORIALS

The Young in Politics

The participation of young people in the recent general election is an encouraging indication for the future. In Torrance, particularly, the younger citizens were active, and there is hope that they may not cease their interest in public affairs, especially at the local level.

Young people have the most at stake in what happens to their government during the coming decades. They are young enough, alert enough, and sufficiently idealistic to want to improve and change their own lives and the lives of the children they will bring into the world.

Those close to President Eisenhower are impressed with his interest in young people. On numerous occasions he has emphasized the benefits to be derived for the nation as a whole from more active participation of young people in the affairs of government. He has been forthright in his unswerving loyalty to Vice President Richard Nixon—still a very young man by traditional standards—and, as a result, the nation has the best trained and most experienced vice president in history.

Young people of both the major parties ought to be well organized and ought to make themselves felt in government from local affairs on up to Washington. They should have the co-operation but not the domination of their elders and should feel free to compete for leadership today and tomorrow.

Torrance will be a better community and America will be a better nation when the young people band together to bring about the reforms in government that are sorely needed. Elder citizens should look upon their entry into public affairs as a good omen, an indication that one of our greatest assets is being placed in productive use.

Invest in Your Party

During the election campaign, Life magazine re-emphasized an old contention that Americans ought to regard membership in the Democratic or Republican parties as worth their financial support. It was suggested that Americans ought to contribute to the party of their choice which they contribute to churches.

The advantages of such a system are at least twofold: it would reduce the tremendous deficits incurred by the national committees and would eliminate the necessity of accepting large contributions from pressure groups. The implications of the latter are too obvious for further discussion.

It is absolutely essential that the two-party system prevail in the United States. The system of checks and balances automatically set up by two strong parties has worked well, for the most part, and Americans should want to preserve it.

So, when you are considering next year's individual or family budget, set aside something as your investment in the party of your choice.

New Chamber Manager

The community welcomes Dick Fitzgerald, new manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fitzgerald comes to this community directly from Redondo Beach, so he is not unfamiliar with the needs and character of the area.

With new management, the Chamber can continue to fill an important role in the industrial, commercial, and civic life of the community. President John Ebbinghouse, in the face of some obstacles that should not have been placed in his way during the past year, has given outstanding leadership and a good account of his office. He should have undivided and unimpeded co-operation from the community throughout the balance of his term.

Manager Fitzgerald, who has youth and enthusiasm on his side, will find the best elements of this fast growing community receptive to his efforts. With help and encouragement he can do much for Torrance.

WASHINGTON (IOWA) EVENING JOURNAL: "Prediction: The new tax on tires and gasoline to build four-lane highways will be increased as the program advances, and the cause won't be a matter of costs. It's just the way taxes work."

The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

Don Perkins, of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, has this post-election thought on the political front:

"Politics make strange bed fellows, but somehow they all seem to get accustomed to the same bunk."

It was also Don who heard about the rock 'n' roll contest where the first prize was an Elvis Presley record. Second prize was two Presley records.

Names make news, the old adage goes. Like Mr. Logwood down in Long Beach. He was burned painfully in a fire this week—should change his name to Mr. Asbestos. Then the Sheriff reported yesterday that a Mr. Clang in Lomita complained that someone had broken some windows in his home... and, of course, there was a Mr.

Christmas who spent the night in Torrance jail as a lodger last week.

We first noticed the tattoo when the gentleman was eating his lunch in a downtown cafe this week. He had a very striking design on his left forearm—just like the cigarette ads in all the magazines.

Naturally we expected him to pull out a "lip-top" box of Marlboros after lunch, but he apparently hasn't been reading the ads. He pulled out a Camel.

And a not-too-well muffled wave of laughter rolled through the City Council chambers Tuesday night when City Manager George Stevens and City Clerk Albert Bartlett were opening bids for a street light installation in the Ellinwood area. One of the bidders was A Short, Electrician.

Dear Ann: Our daughter is going to be engaged soon and we haven't met her fiancé's parents.

None So Blind



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I'm 22, my wife is 20. We've been married three years and have two sons. We should be very happy, but all we do is fight.

"She wants to go to dances with her girl friends but gets mad when I spend a couple nights out with my buddies. No matter how much overtime I put in, it's never enough to pay all the bills. My wife hasn't cooked a decent meal since we've been married and I have to take my shirts over to my mother's house if I want them to look good.

What's wrong with us anyway? We were so madly in love when we were going together, we couldn't wait to get married. We thought our marriage was such a happy one. How about some advice, Ann?—Rink.

ALL marriages are happy, Rink—it's living together afterward that's tough.

Your wife was only 17 when she married, and you were 19. Neither of you had the foggiest notion of what married life was all about, and I'll bet you turned a deaf ear to anyone who tried to tell you.

After three years if your wife can't cook a decent meal or iron a shirt, and wants to go to dances with her girl friends, you don't need me to tell you she's still a child. I suggest you both see a marriage counselor and get your problem straightened around by an expert. From the symptoms you've described, the marriage is sick, sick, sick.

Dear Ann: As you can see, I'm writing this from jail. I'm here for 60 days because of a little misunderstanding I had with the law.

My problem is this: I happen to be crazy about a certain girl, and she said she felt the same way about me. For the first 15 days I received two letters every day from her. Then, suddenly the letters stopped. I haven't had a line in a week and I'm getting very nervous. I'd do anything to see this girl again because I know if we were face to face I could get the problem settled, whatever it is. Please tell me what to do, Mrs. Landers. All the fellows here read your advice, and think it's swell.—Mr. 195137.

Dear Mr. 195137: Glad the boys all read my advice and think it's swell. This is what you might call a "captive audience."

My advice to you is—DON'T DO ANYTHING. If the girl has changed her mind about you, there's time enough to try to patch things up when you get out. There are swell crossword puzzles in this paper... have you tried 'em?

Dear Ann: Our daughter is going to be engaged soon and we haven't met her fiancé's parents.

We invited them to dinner and extended the invitation through the young man. He neglected to pass the word until rather late. Then his mother called to refuse because there wasn't "enough notice." I felt hurt.

My daughter called the boy's mother and was told they'd be glad to drop in to meet us, but I shouldn't "bother to fix a meal." I now have the feeling they want to look us over before they decide whether we're good enough to eat with.

These people are quiet and not very social. We lead active lives and love to mix. I don't want to be rude. What's the next move?—Mrs. D. L.

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1892. I suggest you avail yourself of this wonderful device and

stop sending dinner invitations by messenger boy.

Maybe the boy's parents aren't "very social," but it was YOU who pulled the boner. The "next move" is to invite the folks by telephone or letter and act as if you mean it.

It's unfair to your daughter to have strained relations with her future in-laws over these trifles. You'll foul the nest before the poor girl gets in it. Start over and get off on the right foot this time.

Confidentially: Disgusted Friend: Tell him to stay home and watch his own TV if the best he can do is fall asleep on the floor.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper. Copyright, 1956, Field Enterprises, Inc. Distributed by Chicago Sun-Times Syndicate.

GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

Hate to disillusion you radio listeners, but 15-year-old Corliss Archer is actually Janet Waldo who is married and has a 4-year-old son.

Television advertising rates have been increased again, which means that newspaper advertising is still your best and cheapest medium. Right now, all through the land, millions are thinking about the chore of lifting and storing gladiolus bulbs for safekeeping during the winter months.

Past due bills are starting to show up with this notice to delinquents: "Crime Pays. Why Don't You?" Friend of mine wanted to manufacture a toy that wouldn't break. Figured he had it, a toy train. Dropped it from a 20-story building, hit it with a pavement breaker, ran a steam roller over it, dynamited it, and darned if it didn't remain intact. Then let his 2-year-old boy play with it and within 20 minutes there were 10 pieces where there used to be one train.

"Lassie," the television show, wound up last week with a closeup of a dog's tail wagging. You just can't find a happier "ending"...

Progress is when you buy 20 acres of land in the wide open country and before you know it the next door neighbor is knocking on your door and asking for your trowel so he can weed his window box.

Jayne Mansfield isn't limited to physical attractions. Mentally, she's a 163 I.Q. Debbie Reynolds' real name before entering the movies was Debbie Reynolds. Burglars in California thought they had a burglar-proof system when they re-

moved all the fuses in a mansion but the owner caught them red-handed. He emerged from his bedroom with a gun to find out why his electric blanket had shut off.

When an old western gold miner was buried, the minister said: "We're wishing you a good trip. Packy, a sloping trail, and a safe bedding down in that happy hunting ground we're all yearning toward"...

Has it happened to you, too? You meet an old friend you haven't seen for 15 years and when you ask: "What ever happened to that old creep, Lucille Shlogoskire?" he replies: "I married her"...

Friend of mine wants to become an FBI expert for decoding messages. He's practicing on 33 1/2 rpm records that run at 78 rpm speed.

When a motion picture actor, dressed as a "Mountie," strolled down Vine St., a puzzled easterner walked over to him and said: "Mister, either you're lost or I am!"...

Torrance's population of 253 Smiths leads the list of names in the city, followed by the Johnsons, Smiths, and Browns.

This city can claim no John Does, but it does have a John Doegey.

Three residents can call themselves the Torrances of Torrance, although one of

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Contrary to what some political aspirants were saying in the heat of the political campaign, United States prestige in the Middle East has never been higher than it is today in any period of the past eight years. Not since 1948, when Arab states misinterpreted our support of the State of Israel as a hostile act against them, has the United States received such praise from the Arab states and the nations of the world for our positive stand condemning the aggression upon Egypt.

President Eisenhower's statement that "the United States declares itself against the use of force either by Israel, Britain, or France" gave new heart and spirit to a world brought to the brink of disaster by the flagrant violation of sacred commitments of the nations involved to uphold the United Nations charter for the preservation of peace. The State of Israel, Britain and France must stand condemned before world public opinion for their deliberate repudiation of their UN covenants, irrespective of the merit of their individual reasons for resorting to aggression against a UN member state.

In our opinion, Israel's invasion and subsequent victory in Egypt will result in repercussions and increase hatreds from the Arab world that could lead to greater retaliation and danger than Israel experienced in all its turbulent eight-year existence. By this aggression Israel has shocked many of its supporters in the U. S. and abroad.

The overwhelming condemnation from many of its friends inside the UN is proof of Israel's present unpopular position before world opinion. Even the United States, whose moral and financial support of Israel sustained it in the most crucial days of its origin in 1948, was stunned by Israel's disregard of her obligations to the United Na-

tions, the very organization that gave legality and sanction to its very existence.

It is evident to us that Israel could not have launched such a dangerous military adventure against Egypt without the knowledge and sanction of Britain and France. Proof of this is found in the fact that had Israel attacked Egypt without such collusion, Britain and France, if sincere in their concern only over Suez, could have landed their armies in the line of Israel's march on Suez, instead of attacking Egypt, the nation trying to defend herself against aggression.

Any other interpretation to this attack upon Egypt by Britain and France is in the realm of deceit and an attempt to confuse the facts before the jury of world public opinion. It appears to us that Britain, France and Israel, each for their own selfish reasons, united their separate ambitions and agreed upon this assault on Egypt. By so doing they all violated their individual covenants in the United Nations, and their avowed assurances of settlement by negotiation.

The overwhelming condemnation from the UN General Assembly was but the first moral vindictive upon their incredible connivance against the peace of the world and upon Egypt in particular.

To justify its invasion of Egypt, Israel referred the world to its eight-year uneasy truce with its Arab neighbors, listing a large number of Arab attacks upon her soil. Her claims of 1400 of its citizens murdered and raped during these eight years is confirmed by UN Neutral Commission observers on the spot. But so are the claims of the Arabs who report some 3000 Arabs killed and wounded at the hands of Israel. This is also confirmed by the UN Neutral commission. As a matter of fact, the UN has

condemned Israel for aggression much more often than it has condemned Egypt or the Arabs.

That Israel has been and is surrounded by enemies on all sides was a foregone conclusion since the establishment of the State of Israel upon soil dominated by Arabs for 1400 years... and the inhuman plight of 800,000 Palestinian Arab refugees, drifting and dying in the desert as derelicts of political convulsion. This is not to suggest the opening of old and unhealing wounds. But the sight of thousands of Arab refugees on the Gaza strip, for instance, cannot be construed as conducive to peaceful relations on the frontier of Arab and Jew.

The invasion of Egypt and the occupation of the Gaza strip by Israel simply changed the scenery of the Egyptian-Israel border... it did not change its complexion. For this reason the invasion of Egypt by Israel was without rhyme or reason, so far as preventing border attacks in the future. Some border between Arab and Jew will always divide them, irrespective of its nature or extent. And so long as 800,000 Palestinian refugees are permitted to shift homeless along those borders, the peace of the Middle East is an idle delusion.

The U. S. resolution, approved overwhelmingly by the UN General Assembly, calling for the withdrawal of British, French and Israeli forces from Egyptian territory, was not only a triumph of U. S. foreign policy, but an important step toward the restoration of confidence in the machinery of the UN to act in behalf of peace. If this resolution is ignored too long by Britain, France and Israel... any they continue to occupy Egyptian soil... it could well lead to Russian intervention, this time with the full sanction and support of the United Nations.

It is inconceivable that our allies would provoke such an eventuality, which is certain to result in further embarrassment of the United States and other friendly members within the UN. With Russia openly supporting Egypt, and Britain and France directly involved in this act of aggression, the U. S. remains the only great power in the Security Council in the role of neutral mediator in this crisis. The great power and prestige of the United States on the other side of law and order, especially in defense of its avowed rival, Egypt, is the kind of support of principle that's both rare and refreshing in a world of power-politics.

It is to the everlasting credit and admiration of President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles for re-enacting in the Middle East crisis an old role of American principle of justice under law, equally applicable to friend or foe alike. No nation, however remote from such principle, could for long withhold from its people this magnanimity of the United States and her devotion to the rights of free men to remain free.

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